

CDC does not currently recommend the use of facemasks to help prevent novel [#coronavirus](#). Take everyday preventive actions, like staying home when you are sick and washing hands with soap and water, to help slow the spread of respiratory illness. [#COVID19](#)  
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**A:** CDC does **not currently recommend** the use of facemasks among the general public.

Some people who have an **increased risk of exposure** may need additional precautions, such as **healthcare professionals caring** for COVID-19 patients and **other close contacts**.